[8th September 1958

Vendoni tank

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member Sri Ramachandran is not in his seat. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

* 82 *Q.*—SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been received by the Government from the residents of Paramakudi Town for closing the present channel feeding the Vendoni tank near Paramakudi Railway Station; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) & (*b*) Some representations were received to close the Vendoni supply channel or to divert the water course by reopening an old channel to Vendoni tank to avoid damage to the town area. The question was examined, and it was found that the old supply channel no longer existed and nobody was able to indicate its alignment correctly. Consequently the existing supply channel could not be closed or diverted without affecting the supply to the tank. But measures are being undertaken to see that there is no danger to the town area by the construction of a new head sluice at the off-take of the supply channel.

Panchayat board election

* 83 *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : கனம் ஸ்தல ஸ்தாபன அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) போளூர் தாலூகா, காளசமுத்திரம் கிராமத்து பஞ்சாயத்து போர்டு தேர்தல் நடத்த உத்திரவிடப்பட்டதா ?

(ஆ) தேர்தல் நடந்து விட்டதா ?

(இ) இல்லையாயின், காரணம் என்ன ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Gazetted District Officers

* 84 *Q.*—SRI M. C. MUTHUKUMARASWAMY : கனம் முதலமைசசர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) தஞ்சை ஜில்லாவில் கெஜட்டெட் பதவியிலுள்ள தலைமை அதிகாரிகள் எத்தனை பேர் ?

(ஆ) அவர்களில் ஹரிஜன வகுப்பைச சேர்ந்தவர்கள் எத்தனை பேர்.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) 45.

(*b*) Nil.

River Pumping Scheme

* 85 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to State—

(*a*) whether any amount due to the Department from Sri R. Srinivasa Iyer, spokesman of the River Pumping Scheme, started at Pinayur village, Chingleput district, has been waived;

8th September 1958]

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the particulars of the waiver; and

(c) the amount originally reported to be due from Sri R. Srinivasa Iyer?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government considered that there was a case for revision of the charges payable by the beneficiaries on the following grounds urged by them and accordingly revised the charges and waived the recovery of the balance.

(1) The hire charges levied were high and the acreage actually irrigated had not been reckoned correctly and the ryots did not derive the benefits of the scheme in full as the crop became 'shavi'.

(2) Two oil engines which were supplied in addition to the three oil engines already working under the scheme should be treated as part of the scheme and extra charges should not be levied on this account as the horse power of the oil engines already supplied was found to be inadequate.

The particulars of the amounts waived are as below :—

	RS.
Reduction in the charges for the period 5th June 1951 to 30th April 1953	6,524
Reduction in the charges for the period 1st May 1953 to 31st May 1955	4,729
Hire charges on two additional oil engines ...	3,895
Total ...	15,148

(c) Rs. 39,539–11–10.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : Is it a fact that the party concerned did not enter into any agreement with the Government before he wanted this scheme to be implemented?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, it involved about 90 ryots. The original idea was to get agreement from individual ryots. Some agreement was obtained from certain ryots but it was found that it was not practicable and that it would take considerable time to get agreement from individual ryots. Therefore, Mr. Srinivasa Iyer, who was the sponsor of the scheme, undertook to collect . . .

SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN : On a point of order, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member cannot raise a point of order in the middle. Let the Hon. Minister continue his answer.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : We undertook to collect from the ryots and pay the dues.

MR. SPEAKER : Now the hon. Member can raise his point of order.

[8th September 1958

SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN : இந்தச் சபையில் இப்படிப்பட்ட கேள்வியைப் போடலாமா ? அதற்கு கனம் அமைச்சர் பதில் சொல்லலாமா ? இந்த ஒழுங்குப் பிரச்னைக்குத் தீர்ப்புச் சொல்ல வேண்டுமென்று தங்களைக் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER : It depends on the merits of each case. எந்த எந்தக் கேள்வி எப்படி எப்படி இருக்கிறதோ அதற்குத் தகுந்தபடி தான் நான் தீர்ப்புக் கொடுக்க முடியும்.

* 86 *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL AND SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have launched any scheme for pumping river water for irrigation purposes ;

(*b*) if so, in which districts and Block Development areas; and

(*c*) in which other places the Government propose to introduce the scheme?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Six Public Works Department schemes in Tanjore district will be implemented by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) of which one scheme is in Tiruthuraipundi Block Development area and the remaining five are in Vedaranyam Block Development area. Besides, one scheme each in Sivakasi and Virudhunagar Block Development areas in Ramanathapuram district and two schemes in Chidambaram Block Development area in South Arcot district will be implemented by the Agriculture Department.

(*c*) One scheme each is expected to be introduced in the following places by the Agriculture Department.

(*a*) Allur—Chidambaram Block Development area in South Arcot.

(*b*) Kalingapatti—Non-Block Development area in Tirunelveli district.

(*c*) Ooradiambalam—Tiruthuraipundi Block Development area in Tanjore.

(*d*) Perambakkam—Kadambathur Block Development area in Chingleput.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know from the Hon. Minister, Sir, the conditions that have to exist before the introduction of these river pumping schemes and also the approximate minimum cost of each scheme?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, under this scheme water has to be lifted to higher level. This is a special feature of the scheme. The cost of scheme varies from one scheme to the other. The Agriculture Department is not quite enthusiastic about the scheme. But anyhow wherever the cost is economical and the ryots are keen about the scheme, it is being pursued.

SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN : இந்தத் திட்டம் இதுவரையிலும் அமுலுக்குக் கொண்டுவரப்பட்டிருப்பதைப் பொறுத்த வரையில், ஒரு பம்பு செட்டுக்கு எவ்வளவு செலவாகிறது ? சாதாரணமாக, ஒரு பம்பு செட்டின் மூலம் எத்தனை எக்கர்கள் விளைச்சலுக்குக் கொண்டுவரப் படுகின்றன ?